

Poetry.

MY GRANDMOTHER'S HAT.

It hangs in the attic all covered with dust,
And its once white chip surface is brown
as a crust,
It oft makes a nest for the dark flying
bat,
And no longer looks jaunty, my grand-
mother's hat.

There it rests now quite shapeless, grim,
crushed and forlorn,
And the ribbon in shreds from its small
sides are torn.
'T was made in the time of this old, faded
mat,
They called it a "bunnet," my grand-
mother's hat.

It flared not with feathers, nor glittered
with lace,
As it perched so demurely above her
bright face.
It was dainty and modest, both words
are quite pat.
And 'twas sweetly bewitching, my grand-
mother's hat.

With black gleaming jetting it dazzled
no sight,
Nor did it up-tower, like Eddystone
Light;
And blessed was the man who behind it
oft sat.
It ne'er hid the preacher my grand-
mother's hat.

Household.

MOLASSES COOKIES.

Two cups molasses, two teaspoons
saleratus dissolved in it, three-
fourths cup of shortening (lard, but-
ter or beef fat) one teaspoonful of
ginger, one of salt (less salt if butter
is used) one-half cup of water. Cut
the lard into a cup of flour, add the
spice and salt and mix with the
molasses. Then put in the water and
add flour enough to roll out. Cut
with a biscuit-cutter and bake
in a quick oven.

RICH FRITTERS.

Very rich fritters are made of
one and one half pints of flour, the
yolks of four eggs, two small tea-
spoonfuls of baking powder, butter
the size of a large hickory nut, salt
to taste, with milk to make a thick
batter; fry in lard that is heated to
the boiling point. A rule for plainer
ones may be wished for also. Two
eggs, one cup of sweet milk, a little
salt, and flour enough to make a
stiff batter. These are nice with
maple syrup.

TEA CAKES.

Three eggs, six ounces sugar, one
pound of flour, three ounces of cur-
rants, one large teaspoonful of car-
bonate of soda, one of cream of tar-
tar, one gill of cream or a little more,
or a little milk can be used instead
with the gill of cream; mix the soda
and cream of tartar thoroughly into
the flour, beat up the eggs and
sugar, add the flour by degrees, and
the other ingredients, make the
paste just stiff enough to roll out on
a board, cut into rounds, bake in
rather a quick oven with milk to
give them a glaze before baking.

CAKE BATTER.

Almost all old housekeepers can
remember how irritating it was in
their salad days, to take a cake from
the oven, gently turn it out on a
sieve, to avoid moving it for two
hours, to place it tenderly in a cake
box, to strip off the protecting paper
casing with nicest precaution when
tea-time came and then to find,
on cutting it that every raisin,
every currant and every fragment
of citron were massed together at
the bottom in a conglomerate that
ought to taste good but certainly
looks anything but good; and if the
young housekeepers do not know
it they will soon be wiser if not hap-
pier, for this accident occurs at one
time or another. One way of avoid-
ing it is to be sure that the cake
batter is thick enough to hold a
spoon upright for a few minutes.

CARAMEL PUDDING.

Put a handful of loaf sugar to boil
with a quarter of a pint of water
until the syrup becomes a deep
brown. Warm a small basin, pour
the syrup in it, and keep turning
the basin in your hands until
the inside is completely coated
with the syrup, which will by
that time have set. Strain the yolks
of eight eggs from the whites, and

mix them gradually and effectually
with one pint of milk. Pour this
mixture into the prepared mould.
Lay a piece of paper on the top.
Set it in a saucepan full of cold water
taking care that the water does not
come over the top of the mould, put
on the cover, and let it boil gently
by the side of the fire for one hour.
Remove the saucepan to a cool place,
and when the water is quite cold
take out the mould and turn out
very carefully.

HAM TOAST.

Grate up finely some dry ham and
mix it with the beaten-up yolk of
an egg and a little cream, and let it
just simmer. Have ready some
nicely toasted slices of bread, butter
them and lay them on a flat dish
that has been well heated. Cover
each slice with some of the mixture
and serve very hot.

CHEAP CAKE.

A very excellent cheap cake may
be made according to the following
recipe: Half a cup of butter, one
cup of sugar, half a cup of sour milk,
one teaspoonful of soda, one egg
and two cups of flour; to this add
one cup of stoned and chopped rais-
ins, one teaspoonful of cloves, one
of cinnamon. Let one cup of dried
apples soak over night in a little
water and in the morning chop very
fine and boil them in the water in
which they were soaked; when
nearly tender, stir in one cup of
molasses; when soft, mix with the
raisins and spice and stir in thor-
oughly with the cake dough. Bake
in a slow oven for an hour.

APPLE JELLY.

Apple jelly is a desirable thing to
keep in the house for the use of the
children. It is easily made and very
inexpensive. Apples and water and
three quarters of a pound of sugar
to every pint of jelly being all that
is necessary. Pare and core the
apples, and put them in a preserv-
ing jar with cold water enough to
cover them; let them boil for an
hour, then drain the jelly through a
hair sieve or a jelly bag, and mea-
sure the juice allowing the amount
of sugar named to every pint. Boil
these together for three quarters of
an hour, removing every particle
of scum as it arises, and keeping the
jelly well stirred that it may not
burn. It can be stored away in
small pots.

LOAF CAKE.

Two quarts of sugar, seven cupsful
of butter, six quarts of sifted flour,
six pounds of fruit, one pint of wine,
one pint of yeast, eight nutmegs,
mace, twelve eggs, one quart of
milk. It should be made at such an
hour (being governed by the
weather) as will give it time to get
perfectly light by evening. It should
stand about six hours in the
summer and eight in winter. Put
in half the butter and eggs, and the
milk, flavor and yeast, and beat
thoroughly. In the evening add
the remainder of the butter, rubbing
it with the sugar, the rest of the
eggs, and the spice. Let the cake
rise again until morning; then add
the fruit. Put in deep pans and let
stand for half an hour. Bake from
two to three hours in a slow oven.

ADVANTAGES OF LOW CEILINGS.

Rooms with low ceilings or
with ceilings even with the win-
dow tops, says the *Popular Sci-
ence Monthly*, are more readily
and completely ventilated than
those with high ceilings. The leak-
age of air which is always going on
keeps all parts of the air in motion
in such rooms; whereas, if the ceil-
ing is higher, only the lower part of
the air is moved, and an inverted
lake of foul and hot air is left float-
ing in the space above the window-
tops. To have the currents of fresh
air circulating only in the lower
parts of the room, while the upper
portion of the air is left unaffected
is really the worst way of ventilating,
for the stagnant atmospheric lake
under the ceiling—although motion-
less—keeps actively at work under
the law of the diffusion of gases, foul-
ing the fresh currents circulating
beneath it. With low ceilings and
high windows no such an accumula-
tion of air is possible, for the whole
height of the room is swept by the
currents as the dust of the floor is
swept by the broom. Low ceilings
have also the advantage of enabling
the rooms to be warmed with less
expenditure of heat and less cost of
fuel. The above does not agree with
the generally accepted idea of the
height of rooms in dwellings, but
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" Greensboro.....7 53 "	9 08 "
" Salem.....11 28 "	12 30 am
" Hillsboro.....11 54 "	2 55 "
" Chapel Hill.....12 28 pm	4 40 "
" Raleigh.....1 35 "	5 57 "
" Goldsboro.....4 40 "	11 00 "
" Danville.....10 00 am	11 30 pm
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" Keyesville.....12 12 "	3 04 "
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